

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 20, first paragraph:

In the cable retaining washers 12, 112, 212, 312 and 412 described above, the downwardly projecting extension ~~55~~ 50 has a semi-spherical configuration so as to essentially replicate the semi-spherical underside of the head 25 of a bone screw 9, whereby it may be received in the recess 40 formed in bone plate 6. However, forming the downwardly projecting extension ~~55~~ 50 with a semi-spherical configuration can sometimes result in the cable retaining washer turning somewhat about the axis of its screw hold 30 as bone screw 9 is screwed into a bone segment 20, 21. This can present an inconvenience to the surgeon.

Page 24, last paragraph, continuing onto page 25:

Looking next at Fig. 20, there is shown a cable retaining washer 912 which comprises another alternative form of the invention. Cable retaining washer 912 is substantially the same as the cable

retaining washer 12 described above, except that its upwardly projecting extension 955 has its one or more cable holes extending along an axis substantially aligned with the head 25 of screw 9. Again, set screw ~~70~~ 73 may be tightened down so as to secure a cable loop 15 to the cable retaining washer.

Page 25, first full paragraph:

Looking next at Fig. 21, there is shown a cable retaining washer 1012 which comprises another alternative form of the invention. Cable retaining washer 1012 is substantially the same as the cable retaining washer 912 described above, except that it includes a second upwardly projecting extension 955 which also has its one or more cable holes 65 substantially aligned with the head 25 of screw 9. Again, a set screw ~~70~~ 73 may be tightened down so as to secure a cable loop 15 to the cable retaining washer.